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Application No. 09/744,622 Amendment dated August 31, 2006 Non-Compliant Amendment Dated June 6, 2006

Docket No.: HO-P01615US1

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REMARKS

Claims 100, 101, 103-121 are pending. Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice and without acquiescence. Claims 100, 109 and 116 have been amended with prejudice and without acquiescence. Applicants retain the right to file a continuation and/or divisional application on any canceled subject matter. Applicants assert that no new matter has been added.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P01615US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: August 31, 2006

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